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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR WALL CONSTRUCTION CHANGES PROP NO. SLD L01000

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 4692 B) STATE 112963

1. AFTER REVIEWING REFTEL B, EMBASSY STILL FEELS RECOMMENDED
ALTERATIONS TO FENCE ARE REQUIRED. THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN
REFTEL B ARE ANSWERED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE WALL AND ROAD IS 58 FEET,
WHICH IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR SAFE MERGING WITH
TRAFFIC. IN ADDITION ROAD IS NOT A HIGHWAY BUT
RATHER A 2-LANE (ONE EACH DIRECTION) ROAD, WITH
VERY LIGHT TRAFFIC.

B. EXIT BY SERVANTS' QUARTERS CAN BE USED BY PEDESTRIANS,
BUT WILL NOT ALLOW VEHICLES FROM MAIN COMPOUND TO
EXIT THERE, AS NO ROAD CONNECTS EMBASSY AREA AND
SERVANTS QUARTERS. FURTHER THIS EXIT IS TOO FAR
FROM CLUB AREA WHERE SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ARE HELD TO
ALLOW NORMAL PEDESTRIAN EGRESS TO THESE FUNCTIONS.

C. DURING LARGE DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS EXTRA GUARDS
ARE ALWAYS REQUIRED. A PEDESTRIAN GATE AT THE
SUGGESTED POINT ALLOWS FOR LESS GUARDS AS IN-
VITEES DO NOT HAVE TO ENTER THE MAIN GATE AND
BE CONTROLLED ALONG THE 800-FOOT EMBASSY ROAD,
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A SITUATION REQUIRING FOUR GUARDS IN LIEU OF ONE
OR TWO.

D. TRUE: HOWEVER THEY WILL NORMALLY BE LOCKED AND
ONLY OPENED WHEN REQUIRED AND AUTHORIZED BY
SECURITY. THEY WILL PROVIDE A SECURITY BENEFIT
AS DURING DEMONSTRATIONS THESE GATES CAN BE USED

AS AN EXIT: THEREBY NEGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND EMBASSY STAFF. AGAIN DURING FUNCTIONS SECURITY WILL BE INCREASED BY THEIR USE AS GREATER CONTROL OF VISITORS IS ALLOWED AS THEIR MOVEMENTS CAN BE MONITORED BY ONE OR TWO GUARDS INSTEAD OF FOUR.

E. PEDESTRIAN STAIRS EASILY SOLVE THE GRADE PROBLEM.

F. THIS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND IN FACT THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AT NO COST TO THE EMBASSY, CLEARED, LEVELED AND GRADED THIS AREA TO ALLOW PARKING.

2. THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN REFTEL A WERE ARRIVED AT AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF ALL POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM.

3. BECAUSE OF CONFLICT IN GRADE AND MUNICIPALITY OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY, PROPOSAL FOR VEHICLE ACCESS, BETWEEN GRID LINE 15 AND 16 IS IMPOSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL BRIDGE TO CROSS DRAINAGE DITCH ALONG THE ROAD.

4. PROJECT SUPERVISOR WILL SUBMIT DETAIL DRAWINGS AND COST ESTIMATE FOR PROPOSED CHANGES ONCE CONTRACT FOR STEEL WORK IS SECURED.
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